GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF AYURVEDA INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been extending support for the development of Ayurveda industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is no full fledged Drug Standardization Machinery to regulate research development, collection of raw materials and production of drugs; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 333 FOR 21ST MARCH, 2007

(a)&(b) Department of AYUSH has been supporting overall development of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy drug industry in the following ways:

i) Department of AYUSH has notified the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and provided a subsidy of upto Rs.5.00 lakhs to manufacturing units for becoming GMP compliance. In the 11th Plan, an enhanced subsidy for establishment of an in-house quality control laboratory would be given to manufacturing units.
ii) Department of AYUSH has constituted Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Pharmacopoeia Committees to lay down pharmacopoeial standards and Formularies for providing assistance to the industry for making good quality medicines.

iii) Governemnt of India has constituted Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine and Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy which carry out research for the overall development of these systems and for standardization of classical drugs as well as clinical validation of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy formulations. AYUSH drug industry is associated with the pharmacopoeial and research work.

iv) Government of India have set up a National Medicinal Plants Board for encouraging in-situ conservation and ex-situ cultivation of medicinal plants with a view to make the industry sustainable.

v) Various other incentives are also being provided to AYUSH industry for participation in Arogya/Trade Fairs/Exhibitions in India and abroad. Department of Commerce also offers a number of incentives to AYUSH industry for developing export market and for registration of products in other countries. Pharma Research and Development Fund administered by the Department of Science & Technology was also available to the AYUSH drug industry.

vi) Planning Commission has given in principle approval to a scheme for development of common facilities for AYUSH industry cluster in the 11th Plan to promote associative behaviour among small and medium manufacturing units so that they can come together, create and maintain common facilities for quality control, sophisticated packing machines and marketing assistance, etc.

(c)&(d) The enforcement of Indian Drugs & Cosmetics Act and Rules with respect to Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs is the responsibility of the State Governments. 29 State Drug Testing Laboratories have been financially assisted for their upgradation. Assistance is also available to the State Governments to strengthen their drug enforcement mechanism for proper regulation of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drug. The details of measures taken by the Central Government for promotion of drug standardization and research and promotion and in-situ conservation and ex-situ cultivation of medicinal plants has been mentioned above.